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seems to prove mortal, this number may be taken as probably representing the entire occurrence of the disease.

Many of the local governments have made special, and in some cases repeated, appropriations to assist the efforts of the central sanitary authorities, as follows: Osaka, 55.900 yen; Hiogo, 18.000 yen; Aichi, 7.400 yen; Wakayama, 5.500 yen; Okayama, 9.300 yen; Kochi, 2.900 yen; Hiroshima, 3.300 yen; Fukuoka, 4.600 yen; Yamagata, 2.300 yen; Kagawa, 2.400 yen; Yamaguchi, 2.400 yen; Tokushima, 2.000 yen; Nagasaki, 2.000 yen; Shidzuoka, 1.900 yen; Miye, 1.600 yen; Chiba, 1.300 yen; Miyagi, .900 yen; Awomori, .800 yen; Nagano, .700 yen; Kagoshima, .600 yen; and Tottori, .400 yen; in all, 126.200 yen.

Since the 21st instant, cases have been reported as follows: At Osaka, night of 21st, 1; Kobe, 22d, 2; Osaka, 23d, 1; Kobe, 23d, 1; Osaka, 24th, 1; Osaka, 25th, 2; Osaka, 26th, 3; or a total since outbreak of 48 cases.

The weather has, during the greater part of the present month, been unusually cold for the season, and it is probably owing to this that the epidemic is spreading so slowly.

Dr. Fowler, the newly appointed medical officer of the U. S. M. H. S. at Kobe, notifies me that he has effected arrangements for the isolation of emigrants during quarantine, and that he is using for the purification of their clothing and effects a steam disinfecting apparatus originally erected for the handling of rags.

In view, however, of the extreme difficulty of enforcing effectual isolation without a staff under the pay and direct and complete control of your officers here, I must urge the greatest caution at ports of arrival in the United States, even in the case of passengers who have nominally complied with the regulations as to anteembarkation quarantine and disinfection.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *January 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the weekly quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended December 30. Also mortality report for the two weeks ended on the same date, and a consolidated statement of the work done at this station during the month of December.

The health of Ponce, according to the reports of the month, still show a large number of diseases of the gastro-intestinal type, and the mortality has been higher than last month's. I am informed that most of these cases happen amongst the lower classes, and may be attributed to the bad sanitary conditions in which they live. The infectious diseases, however, show no increase.

There is nothing of interest to report concerning the shipping.

Respectfully, P. MALARET,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Temporary Charge.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *January 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the weekly quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended January 6. The general health of Ponce continues as before, and nothing of interest has occurred among the shipping during the week.

Respectfully, P. MALARET,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
In Temporary Charge.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

Number of deaths in Ponce Jurisdiction during the two weeks ended December 30, 1899.

	Deaths.
Infectious diseases—	
Tuberculosis	11
Malarial fever	8
Dysentery	7
Tetanus	2
Typhus fever	1
Septicæmia	1
Puerperal fever	1
Diseases of the digestive apparatus	59
Diseases of the respiratory system	7
Diseases of the circulatory system	2
Diseases of the nervous system	1
Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.)	34
Total	134
Births in the same period	50

[Inclosure No. 2.]

Summary of transactions of service during December, 1899.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *January 2, 1900.*

	Deaths.
Total number of deaths reported during December, 1899	303
Total number of deaths reported during December, 1898	145
Total number of births reported during December, 1899	90
Total number of births reported during December, 1898	56
Total number of vessels inspected during December, 1899	27
Total number of bills of health issued during December, 1899	26
Number of vessels in quarantine during December, 1899	2
Number of passengers whose baggage was disinfected during December, 1899	16
Number of vessels inspected during December, 1898	28
Number of vessels which sailed during December, 1898	24
Number of immigrants inspected during December, 1899	53

Immigrants inspected at Ponce, Porto Rico, during December, 1899.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *January 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to give below the number of immigrants inspected by this office during the month of December, with rejections: December 4, steamship *St. Domingue*, Fort de France, St. Thomas, 1; December 11, steamship *Philadelphia*, Porto Cabello, Curaçao, La Guayra, 6; December 14, steamship *Catalina*, Barcelona (Spain), 19; December 17, steamship *St. Domingue*, Port au Prince, St. Domingo, 2; December 18, steamship *Montevideo*, Havana and South America, 6; December 20, steamship *Maria Herrera*, Cuba and St. Domingo, 13;